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Brown hopes to 'Splash' into student government

By ERIC STOAKES

As Albert Einstein once said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge."

At least Student President/Regent Candidate Chad Brown said he believes in that philosophy. Brown wrote Einstein's quote on his application for president/regent under the category: "What qualifies you for office?"

"I wanted to give people the creativity to draw their own conclusion," Brown said. "Everyone has their own faults. Basically, when you tell someone what qualifies you, you say all these great things like 'I'm a great person' or 'I have great communication skills.' I thought quotes would let them draw a conclusion on their own."

A senior International Business/Marketing major, Brown is one of three student president/regent candidates. Student elections will be held Oct. 25 and 26, and Brown, a member of the new UNO political party Cash Money Dollar Bills, said he thinks he has a good chance of being elected to office.

"I've been going to UNO for five years and I know a lot of students," Brown said. "I have a very diverse variety of friends. I'm not going to go on the kick that I love people and I'm a real people person."

"I look at things from abstract points of view and I look at viewpoints from the outside looking in. That helps a lot because I see how people see me."

He said his persuasion abilities and his "versatile set of ideas" will help him earn votes. "I don't look at things in a shallow sense," the candidate added.

Brown's "imagination" has spawned a theory that may help student apathy on campus—one problem Brown said needs to be solved.

"There is a lack of student participation on campus," Brown said. "The apathy of (the current) Student Senate is evidence of that."

When the senators stopped funding student organizations, Brown said it showed the organizations were not important to Student Government.

"I think the most important thing on this campus is the students and student involvement," Brown said.

He said the first step in solving the apathy problem is to get students involved in campus organizations, departments and activities, a goal which he said involves simple economics.

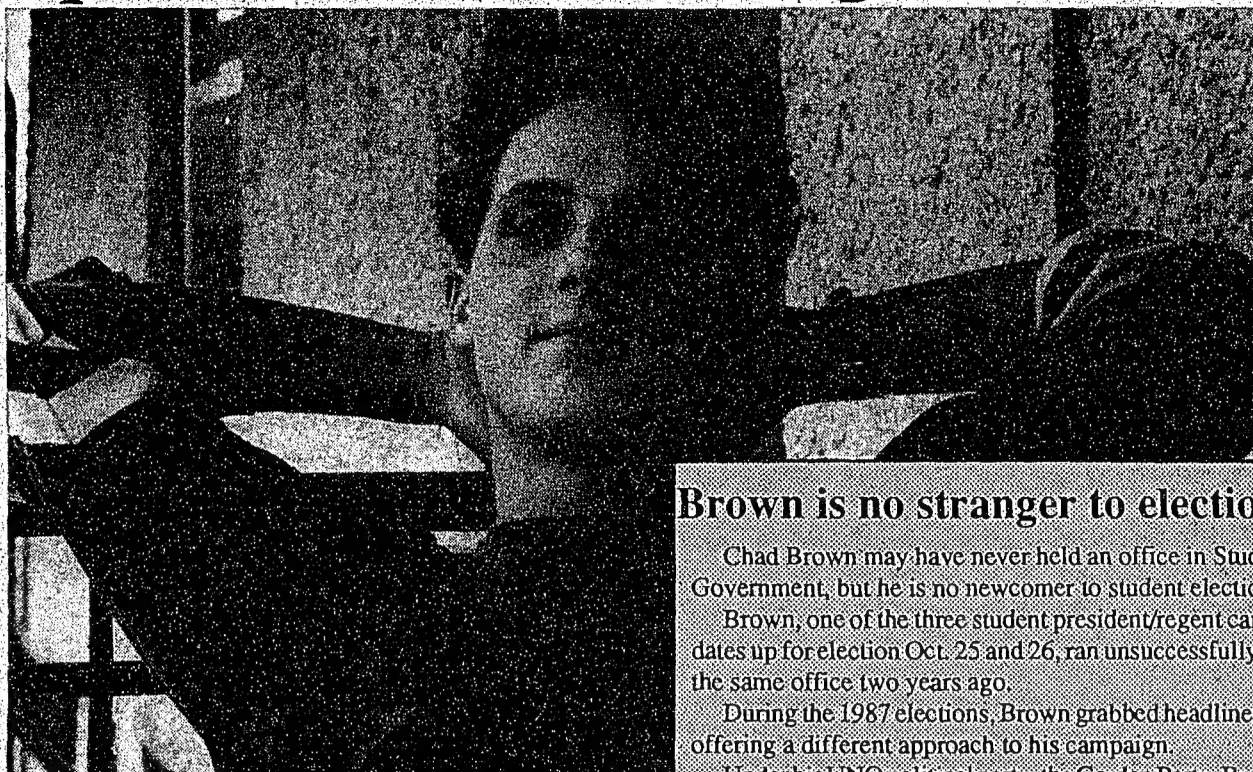
"I call it 'Splash Economics,'" Brown said. "It's like Trickle-Down Economics."

"There is the Board of Regents and the other people in charge of the university at the top level, and at the bottom you have part-time students who are not really involved in anything."

"And right in the middle you have departmental organizations and student organizations."

He said to get UNO moving in a different direction, funding should be directed toward those people in the middle.

"We need to see the money put there," Brown said.



Student President/Regent Candidate Chad Brown.

"If you put the money right in the middle, you create a stronger relationship with the departments and create incentives for students."

He said funding the middle area will allow UNO to "grow in an outward way."

"It will create channels for departments and organizations, while manipulating resources of those different departments."

He said the "Splash" theory works monetarily.

"We need to bring money back into the organizations by way of more profit-orientated organization functions. You can have your bake sales, but that's not the most fun way."

He said a profitable way an organization can increase funds is by giving parties.

"Not parties in the sense that you have a keg and everyone gets wasted," Brown said. "But organization parties that boost morale and make students want to become involved in organizations."

He said the more students involved in organizations the more the university grows. "It's an outward chain," he said.

Although Brown said some people have told him the "Splash" concept could not work, he said it can. One "Splash" aspect that would create incentive is matching funds.

"Say an organization makes \$200 at a fund-raiser, then they should receive matching funds, or at least a percentage of those funds, as an incentive," Brown said.

Another student incentive may be offering college credit to students involved in organizations.

Brown is no stranger to elections

Chad Brown may have never held an office in Student Government, but he is no newcomer to student elections.

Brown, one of the three student president/regent candidates up for election Oct. 25 and 26, ran unsuccessfully for the same office two years ago.

During the 1987 elections, Brown grabbed headlines by offering a different approach to his campaign.

Under his UNO political party, the Garden Party, Brown advocated croquet and tumbling as his party platform issues.

"I looked at it very seriously then," Brown said Sunday. "Not really seriously in the campaign, but seriously in what we were trying to say."

He said now he takes the issues more seriously, but he said he does not regret his involvement in the Garden Party.

"We had a great time and actually got a lot of votes," Brown said.

For this year's election, Brown will run under the new UNO political party, Cash Money Dollar Bills, a party he helped create.

"We wanted to make it a money platform," Brown said.

According to Brown, 12 candidates for Student Senate will be running with him on the Cash Money Dollar Bills ticket.

"It wouldn't be like you were making or breaking your degree, but it would give an incentive. You have to give students some incentive. Just saying 'This could go on your resume,' isn't enough because we have a low participation level."

Brown said the students who will be future leaders are those students who are involved in organizations and activities in their fields of study.

"By taking that money away from them, you're breaking everything apart," Brown said. "You're ripping the student body apart."

Election commissioner calls for a clean race

By JOHN WATSON

Vote.

Student Government elections will be held Wednesday Oct. 25 and Thursday Oct. 26.

Students will have the opportunity to choose from candidates vying for seats on the Student Senate as well as the position of Student President/Regent.

Election Commissioner Carl Carlson said the only polling place will be on the first floor of the Student Center near the games desk.

The polls will be open both days from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Carlson said voters needing an absentee ballot must first complete and return a registration form by Oct. 19. Those forms are available in the Student Government office.

He said once the registration form is completed and returned, an official absentee ballot will be mailed to the voter's place of residence. The ballots should be returned as soon as possible, he said.

Carlson said absentee balloting procedures and the number of polling places were updated by the Student Senate due to violations of the election rules during last year's election.

Those violations involved the closing of one polling place too early because only one of the two required poll workers was present.

Also, former Election Commissioner Paul Hays was found in violation last year because he accepted requests for absentee ballots after the deadline. According to the election rules, all requests had to be received before that time.

"I would like to see this election done as fairly as possible, with very few grievances," Carlson said.

Student Government Candidates

Student President/Regent

Chad Peter Douglas Brown
Paula Dyan Effle
Kelli K. Sears

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Michael McKenna
Trent Joseph Marr
Deborah Osborn

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Douglas S. Cranfield
Lee D. Millward
Margaret A. Nalty
Louise Andree Ruetz
Mark Ed Stoj
Gretchen Ann Venteicher

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Paul L. Hays
Jill Anne Hornstein
Bradley John Thiel

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Allison Jo Brown-Corson
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Matthew M. Shrader

University Division

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Franklin
Gerald Michael
O'Doherty

Engineering/Technology

2 seats available
Brad Evert write-in

CPACS

1 seat available

Education

2 seats available

Student Senate doesn't read, passes the buck

The Student Senate deserves a pat on the back. And a kick in the butt.

After a year of tremendous successes and disasters, the group's Thursday meeting wasn't markedly different from any of its predecessors.

Flashes of brilliance wrestled with lightning bolts of dullness. Good battled with evil. Senators got up and left.

Although two good internal operance resolutions were accepted, the senate quickly slid into mediocrity.

As the meeting wore on, senators' patience wore thin. It is unfortunate for the student body when the attention span of a representative is reduced.

After two hours of questionable quality, a resolution was brought to the floor concerning the new Internal Operating Procedures of the Student Programming Organization, a document which had not gone through the proper senate committee channels before being introduced.

That's fine. Senators have the right to bring resolutions

to the attention of the senate as a whole.

But when a senator complains about the length of the six-page document, and asks it not be read, you may begin to question the senator's commitment to his constituents.

The icing on the cake is that no senator saw fit to take the time to debate the hearing of the new procedures, nor

bring its findings to the senate Thursday.

Yeah. Right.

In a move of sidestepping unparalleled at any level of university politics (that's almost a compliment, senators) this year's ad-hoc committee deftly dumped the contingency question into the lap of the incoming, as yet unelected senate.

Citing the need for "adequate time and consideration," the senate effectively passed the buck.

Nearly a year after the initial opinion was released, the senate should know the future of its contingency account.

If the timetable outlined in the resolution is even close to when the new committee will be finished with its study, student organizations will have to wait until May 1990 for a decision.

Shall we all bow down and praise bureaucracy, or curse it that it has already taken hold on "tomorrow's leaders?"

Senate, you did a good job this year on some things. But remember that the bad comes with the good.

Staff-EDITORIAL

did any senator question the appropriateness of bringing such a lengthy and important document up for a vote.

So they passed it. Unquestioned, and possibly unread.

In another instance, the senate voted to create a committee to examine the nature of the contingency account. Actually, the committee will replace the current ad-hoc committee formed last month, which was supposed to

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LETTERS

To the Editor:

Homecoming isn't supposed to be for the students, is it? If UNO is our home, then we are already here. No, homecoming is for those fortunate enough to make it out this institution.

Still, throughout the week, there were all kinds of neat activities going on in and around the student center. Bands played. Magicians did tricks. The yell squad hollered, and nine beautiful people tried to make us feel popular by giving us candy and asking us for favors ("Please vote for me. I think you're a cutie!").

So what's the problem? Why aren't more of us getting hyped up about homecoming? Naturally, as with everything else, I have the solution to this grave problem that is dividing the student body.

What we need is an anthem. The USA has the national anthem. UNO should have a universal anthem. I pick the song "Trees," by Rush.

Sure, we could have someone in the music department compose a fine song to use as an anthem. But why bother when a perfect song already exists? Between you and me, I can't remember how the song "Trees" goes. I remember liking it when I was in junior high. If you went to junior high, you liked Rush.

But here's why the song "Trees" kicks much butt. Most of the people in our generation do remember the song "Trees." It's not an offensive song like "Stairway to Heaven." I'm not sure, but I think it's a funny song. Also, a lot of non-traditional students wouldn't sing along if we pick a new song. "Fight the Power" would be a good song, but we'd have to change the lyrics to be about beating up our NCC foes.

So, if we pick an old song, like "Trees," we can all sing it.

Brad Thiel
UNO Student



African-Americans should get involved

As an African-American student here at UNO, and a participant in campus activities, I have seen a cycle of apathy, low motivation and an unconcerned attitude from my African-American brothers and sisters. These statements are not to be mistaken as a criticism of African-American students; however, it is meant to stimulate activity from them.

On Sept. 21, the Student Programming Organization (SPO) brought Dennis Rahiim Watson, the president of the National Black Youth Council, to UNO. As chairman of SPO's Issues and Ideas Committee, the focus of his visit was to respond to the question: "Why are there no activities for black students on campus?" Furthermore, about 500 invitation letters had been sent to all department heads, all black greek organizations and the African-American Organization (AAO) asking for their support.

At the night of the performance, attendance was very light. Even more disappointing, the support from African-American students was dismal. However, just as a point of reference, the men of

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity had a party on Sept. 29, and, to my amazement, there was an overwhelming turnout — standing room only.

I was glad to see the participation and was also happy the event went over for the Kappas. But if we can turn out for a dance, then we should turn out for something that benefits our education and unifies us as a people.

Campus-ACCESS COLUMN

The African-American Organization is presently struggling to get support from African-American students on campus. There are about 600 African-American students on campus. At most, 10 of those students are actual members of the organization.

I have heard students say that the organization doesn't do this or that, or that the organization is inactive. I just wonder if they have asked themselves "What am I doing?" If you are not a part of

the solution, then you are possibly a part of the problem. If we can work together, we can be the most viable organization on campus. But until then, we are just talk.

It is important to note that black individuals also have a responsibility for the well-being of their own destiny. If we just sit back and let things be handed down by the administration without having a voice, it is our own fault. If we cannot look out for ourselves, then why should we expect someone else to?

I hope this letter will make those African-American students who are not presently involved in those organizations that hold the principles of "I am proud to be an African-American student" ask themselves "How many AAO meetings have I attended?" or "How many African-American activities have I participated in?" Let's not wait until February, which is Black History Month, to become involved or concerned — let's do it now.

Bobby Loud
UNO Student

Standoff on the Via Nazionale: a lesson in honor

When the litany of UNO parking woes keeps recurring (like in Slacey's column), I can't really empathize. My class schedule always seems to put me on campus before or after peak periods.

I do try to understand the frustration, but I can't help reflecting on more serious automobile-related problems, like making it to campus in one piece.

Omaha traffic is unnerving, because we don't all play by the same rules. Forget traffic laws; I'm talking universally understood rules that apply even when no cop is around — like how many cars get through after the light turns red.

If you hit the brakes when you see the light changing, you risk being rear-ended. If you keep going, you may collide with someone foolish enough to think a green light means it's okay to go.

Other U.S. cities may vary in degree. But drivers all over the country seem to exhibit the same inconsistency.

I recall one place with a different approach.

Early during my year in Italy, driving scared me silly. Everyone on the road had to be mad. Yet I soon detected a collective method to the madness.

Everyone understands the "rules."

If a Maserati driver wants to pass a Fiat, a little thing like oncoming traffic doesn't impede him. Other drivers instinctively move to the right, creating a de facto center lane for the Maserati.

A Roman cab driver showed me how sacrosanct the rules can be. A faded yellow Fiat taxi pulled up in front of the USO just as the sun dipped behind the dome of St. Peter's. We carried our luggage to the curb where the slender driver with curly black hair greeted us with a grin.

"Stazione?"

"Treno?" he asked again, after regarding our blank expres-

sions.

"Si," I replied, recognizing the word for train.

As he tossed our bags in the trunk, my wife, Myrna, and son, Greg, squeezed into the back seat; I joined our driver in front.

We lamented the lack of seat belts when he made a tight, accelerating U-turn across the boulevard on Via Conciliazione (Reconciliation Street) and forced his way into eastbound rush hour traffic.

As we sped across the Tiber River, I saw ancient stone angels perched on the bridge railing, and I silently pleaded to them for protection.

I didn't know enough Italian to tell him we were in no danger of missing our train — that he needn't hurry. I doubt if

Bill WILSON COLUMNIST

it would have made any difference.

I felt Myrna cringe as we zipped around a bus on Corso Vittorio Emanuele II. No problem. We had at least an inch to spare.

Just as we began to believe that we might not be killed after all, it happened.

Screeeech. Beeeep.

In the middle of downtown Eternal City, a young man and his female companion dared to jaywalk in front of our cab.

Our driver stopped the car in the middle of Via Nazionale, turned off the ignition, and bolted out to confront the offenders. Traffic whizzed by on all sides. Horns blared.

"I don't believe this," said Greg, scrunching down in the

seat. He was heavily into his teenage not-wanting-to-be-conspicuous stage.

Meanwhile our intrepid driver stood toe-to-toe, then nose-to-nose with the male half of the jaywalking duo. His face turned red; his arms and hands gestured wildly. The veins in his neck bulged as he screamed at his adversary.

The jaywalker seemed a reluctant player in this spontaneous drama, but he dared not lose face in front of his girl — who had retreated to the safety of the sidewalk.

Most passers-by gave the scene little more than a second glance.

We sat in the cab biting our lips, trying not to laugh — or cry. Either would have been in poor taste. A rule was broken. Honor must be served.

After eternity passed (probably about two minutes), the confrontation ended as abruptly as it began — with no physical blows ever dealt.

Our driver returned to the vehicle, slammed the door and said something to me in Italian. I didn't understand him, but, in light of his agitated state, I thought it best to agree.

"Si," I replied as we rejoined the collective, yet harmonious insanity on the streets of Rome.

We finally arrived, intact, at Stazione Centrale.

After our driver unloaded the bags, I shook his hand and gave him 10,000 lire (about \$6 at the time). The fare was 7,000 lire. The entertainment was worth an extra 3,000 lire — maybe more.

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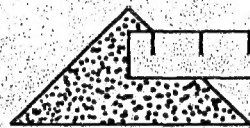
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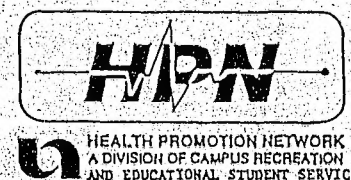
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Waiver deadline soon

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Career Placement to sponsor FACW day

The ninth annual "From the Academic to the Corporate World Day (FACW)" will be held Oct. 25 in the Gallery Room of the Student Center. The program is held to introduce UNO students to corporate representatives from area businesses. The event is sponsored by UNO Career Placement, US West and Mass Mutual.

Health services offers a shot in the arm

Flu shots are now available in the Health Services Office for \$6. Because vaccine may only be administered when the physician is in the office, please make an appointment.

Commission seeks new members

The UNO Chancellors Commission on the Status of Women is looking for new members. Membership is open to both men and women from the student body, faculty and staff. The commission is concerned with family, human rights and women's issues as they relate to the UNO community. Contact Vee Ann Wright at 554-2405 for more information.

BANDits to jazz it up in fund raiser

The UNO BANDits will present a benefit concert Friday, Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall.

The BANDit are a 10-piece jazz ensemble directed by Steve Rehbein, associate director of bands.

The group traveled to Japan last spring as part of the Omaha Sister City Delegation and spent two weeks in Shizuoka while performing for that city's centennial celebration. Proceeds from the benefit will help defer the costs of the trip to Japan. Tickets for the concert are \$5.

Course teaches artists to make dough

A new noncredit course offered by the College of Continuing Studies will teach amateur and professional artists how to market and get the business basics for successful promotion. "The Business of Art" is a one-session course dealing with topics that artists may find unfamiliar but necessary to do business, such as sales tax and insurance, resume preparation, contract negotiation, and marketing strategies. The class will meet Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

How to look for the right stuff

The College of Continuing Studies is offering a one-day seminar titled "Selection Practices: Matching the Person to the Job." Robert Ottemann, associate professor of management in the College of Business Administration will teach the seminar. Ottemann will focus on the methods and techniques of hiring strategies. The seminar will be held Oct. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

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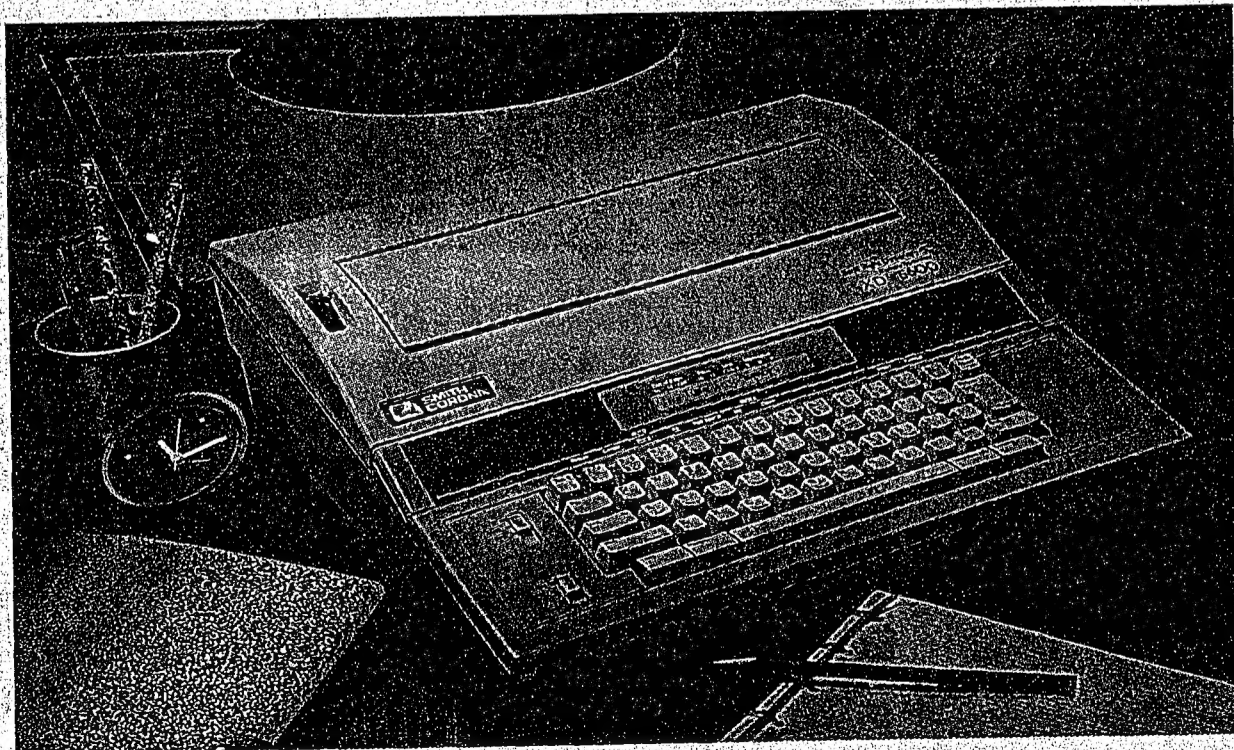
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Answer to contingency problem expected in May

By DAVE MANNING

After one year, the 1988-89 Student Senate session is over.

"Thank you for the opportunity you've given me and good luck to all of you in the future," Senate Speaker Mary Reynolds said to those senators present at the meeting.

Student Government elections will be held Oct. 25 and 26.

Reynolds introduced a resolution during Thursday's meeting forming a committee to examine the future of Student Government's contingency account.

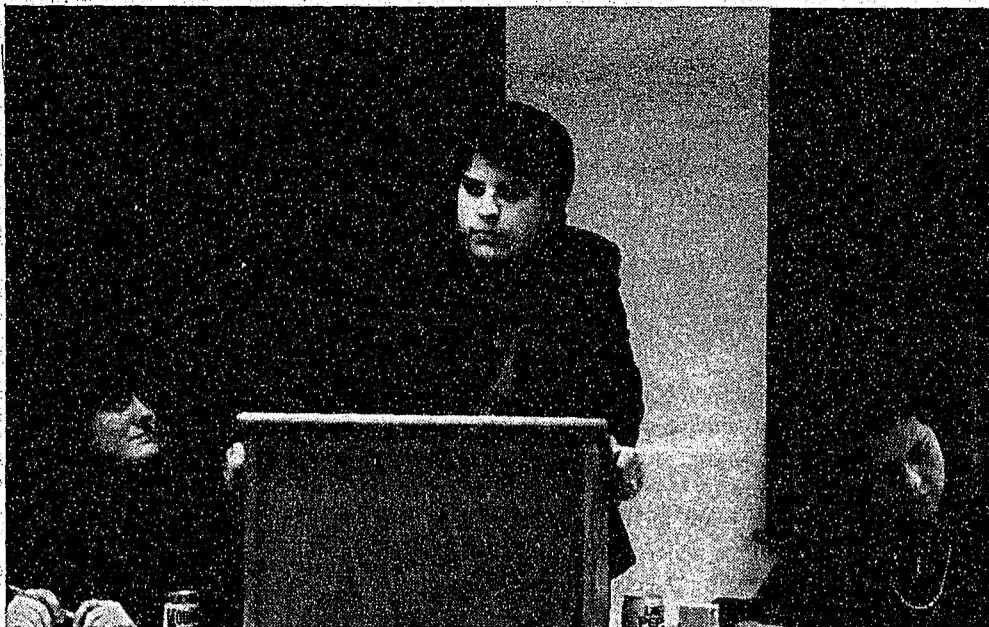
Student SENATE

According to an opinion released this summer by University of Nebraska Assistant General Counsel John Wiltse, the allocation of student fees to student organizations violates the NU Board of Regents' policy concerning student fees.

An ad-hoc committee was formed by the senate in September to study the contingency account.

The Student Senate changed the nature of the committee to examine the possible uses of the contingency account, and decided to put a final decision on the use of the funds off until May.

The committee will now consist of the director of the Student Center, the Budget Committee chair, the Oversight Committee chair, and the Student Affairs Committee chair, the student president/regent, the execu-



From left CAO Teresa Houser, Student Senate Speaker Mary Reynolds and Recording Secretary Erica Johnson pause during the last senate meeting.

tive treasurer, the Campus Relations chair of the Council for Community and Legislative Relations, two student members chosen by the chief administrative officer (CAO), and the speaker of the senate.

The initial findings of the committee will be presented to the Senate in January, while the final findings will be presented in May.

Until the committee makes its recommendations, the Student Affairs Committee and the Budget Committee will determine what organizations, if any, will receive funding from the contingency fund.

Sen. Paul Hays introduced a resolution at

the meeting calling for the establishment of an Election Rules Revision Committee.

"The election rules need to be revised," he said. According to Hays, the election commission is supposed to revise the rules after each election to correct any problems which may have occurred during the election.

He said the rules had not been revised under either Reynolds' senate or former Speaker Tim Kerrigan's senate.

"We owe it to him (Election Commissioner Carl Carlson) to give him a chance," Sen. Tom Harper said. "We already have enough watchdogs. Another branch in this

bureaucracy is something we do not need."

"The election commissioner is capable and aware of what he has to do," CAO Teresa Houser said.

The motion failed.

In other senate news, the senate approved the new internal operating procedures of the Student Programming Organization (SPO). Brian Johnson was approved by the senate as business manager/treasurer of the organization. A position created under the approved operating procedures.

The Student Senate also passed a resolution granting senators appointed to a vacant post all rights and responsibilities of that post at the time of appointment.

This will allow the senator to:

- vote in senate business
- have their presence counted for quorum
- post office hours
- have committee absences counted against them

If the post the senator is appointed to is not vacant, then the senator will not assume the responsibilities of that post until the current holder resigns.

Currently there is no procedure in the Student Government Bylaws for taking of-

ice. "According to our constitution, those people who are elected are officially senators, and there would be no way for us to swear everybody in at midnight on election day," said Cheryl Carter, executive treasurer of Student Government.

The resolution will be in effect until the Bylaws are changed to include provisions for changing office.

Sears' petition seeks support for student organizations

By JOHN WATSON

Student President/Regent candidate Kelli Sears would like your signature.

Sears has begun circulating a petition on campus requesting support for the funding of student organizations.

In August, the University of Nebraska Central Administration advised UNO's Student Government to stop allocating funds to student organizations.

The petition asks the NU Board of Regents to allow Student Government to continue that funding.

Sears said she will present the petition to the regents at their Nov. 10 meeting. She said the petition's purpose is to show the regents support for the funding of student organizations.

The regents originally voted not to fund student organizations in 1978.

As reported in the Feb. 22, 1978 issue of *Gateway*, the regents approved a policy proposed by then NU President Ronald Roskens.

Under that policy, only organizations directly connected with Student Government

could receive funds from Student Government.

Those organizations now include the four student agencies: United Minority Student Services, Women's Resource Center, International Student Services and Disabled Student Association.

Despite the regents' policy, Sears said Student Government has continued to allocate funds to student organizations.

"All along, the administration and the regents knew that Student Government shouldn't be funding student organizations and they allowed that for 11 years," she said.

Although Student Government has been trying to solve the problem, Sears said the only way it can be solved is by taking the issue directly to the Board of Regents.

"The words in the policy need to be changed so we can fund the student organizations," she said.

Sears said she does not know what specific changes should be made in the policy. "That is up to the board," she said.

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Gateway Survey #4 — Doctoral Programs

Make your opinions known. The Gateway Readers Survey has become a regular in the Tuesday Issue, and we urge you to participate. As always, you can send your responses to the Gateway, Annex 26, or bring it by in person. After business hours, there is a drop box in the door on the west side of the building. You can also drop off your completed surveys at the Gateway newsstands in the south entrance of the College of Business Administration, across from Campus Security in the Eppley Administration Building and in the main entrance to University Library. We appreciate any and all effort you give to this survey, because we really want to get a research grant to do this.

Circle all appropriate responses.

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1) Do you support the possible addition of doctoral programs at UNO?
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2) Do you feel there is a need for doctoral programs at UNO?
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3) Do you think the quality of UNO's faculty is high enough for post-graduate education?

4) Would the addition of doctoral programs at UNO put a strain on resources and teaching quality?

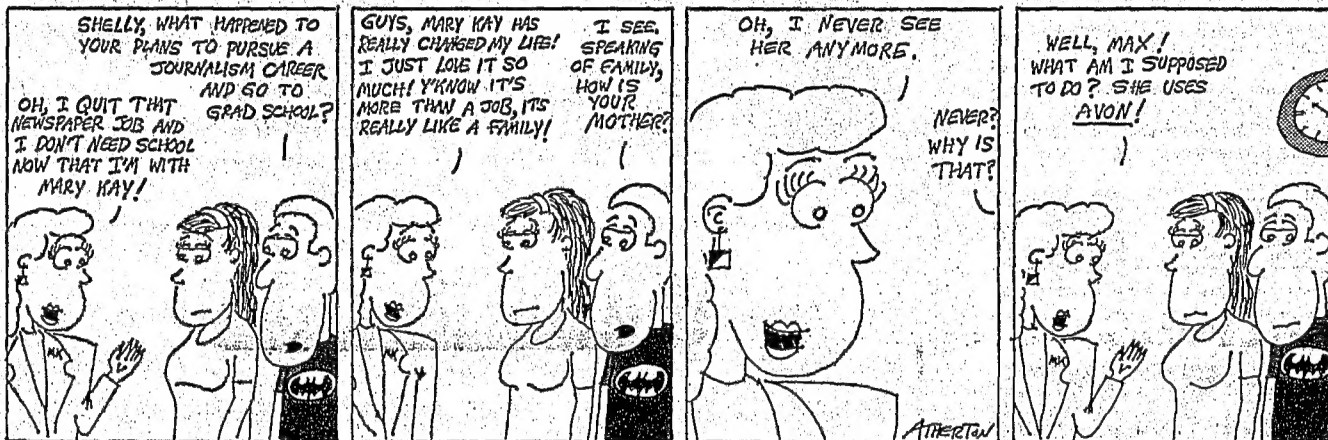
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Financial Aid Drug-Testing

An Illinois state representative wants to give students who take drug tests a break in getting state college financial aid.

Under Republican Jerry Weller's plan, which he will introduce this spring, students who submit to a drug test and come up clean would get preference over an equally qualified applicant who refuses to take the test.

"If you have two candidates that are equal in every other way, the drug-free youth would be given preference," Weller said in announcing the idea in early October. "If one is far above another (in need), the program would not deny the person assistance. We already have veteran preferences and Affirmative Action programs, so there's a precedent."

Civil libertarians blasted the idea as an invasion of privacy. "We believe it's probably unconstitutional," said Jay Miller, executive director of the Illinois branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. "I suspect it's not going to go anywhere. You can't make benefits dependent on giving up constitutional rights."

John Heneghan, Roosevelt University's Student Senate president and a voting member of the school's board of

trustees, said giving up one's privacy is worth it. "You should be willing to give up (privacy) if you want the benefits."

Already, students who get federal loans and grants have to sign a statement promising they don't and won't use illegal drugs. College officials, moreover, are required to have some kind of anti-drug program in place.

To go along with President Bush's "War on Drugs," William Bennett, the president's "drug czar," threatened to cut off financial aid to students who attend colleges that don't have "tough" anti-drug policies.

Offensive T-shirts

Students at Tufts University in Massachusetts have regained the right to wear offensive T-shirts, President Jean Mayer said Oct. 4.

"I have decided we are better off erring in the tradition of free speech," Mayer said.

The decision reserves a highly controversial ruling last June by a campus committee to bar verbal attacks, whether spoken or written, on an individual's race, ethnic group, religion or sexual orientation.

It was prompted by an incident last spring in which a student marketed a T-shirt stating 15 reasons "Why Beer is Better Than Women at Tufts." All 15 reasons disparaged women.

Student government president Billy Jacobson, for one, was in favor of the anti-discrimination rule, saying it was "well intended."

Other schools, including Trinity College, Brown, Emory and Pennsylvania State universities and the universities of California, Connecticut, North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania have established anti-harassment policies that somewhat limit campus free speech.

The University of Michigan last spring adopted what was probably the broadest prohibition of classroom discussions that might offend someone.

In August, however, a federal judge ruled the policy violated students' and teachers' First Amendment rights to free speech.

Under the Tufts policy, Mayer said, students could wear or say whatever they wanted only in certain private places like dorm rooms, but could be legally forced to remove offending T-shirts in more "public" areas like classrooms.

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North Dakota offense ices Mavericks

By TONY FLOTT

The North Central Conference's top-ranked defense failed to show up Saturday. The absence forced UNO's football team to yield to North Dakota 33-23.

Early this season, UNO's defense was

counted on to carry the Mav's young offense.

However, against the Sioux, the defense surrendered 457 total yards, well above its NCC-leading average of 260.3 yards per game.

"We played decent in spots, but we let them have too many easy ones," UNO Coach

Sandy Buda said.

One of the "easy ones" Buda referred to came late in the second quarter.

After UNO scored with 53 seconds left in the half, the Sioux marched 64 yards, scoring on a 1-yard Scott Larson plunge just seconds before intermission.

"We got into a point race we couldn't keep up in," Assistant Coach Mike Zeplin said.

The Mavs jumped ahead 7-0 on fullback Eric Hill's 68-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage.

UNO fell behind 16-7 after Kurt Zuidmuider's 7-yard touchdown pass and three field goals from Cory Solberg.

The Mavs were forced to play catch-up the rest of the game.

Cech led a balanced offensive attack that pounded out 456 yards, 233 coming in the air.

Although the offense moved the ball, UNO produced just two touchdowns.

"We moved the ball well up to the 15-yard line and then we slowed down," Buda said. "It would have been nice to get a touchdown or two and then only have to kick a field-goal at the end of the game."

In the third quarter, UNO had to settle for three field-goals from John Bonacci. Bonacci's kicks of 35, 25 and 26 yards tied the game 23-23.

Bonacci made his first appearance since injuring his ankle against Morningside.

"At that time I thought we had the game under control," Buda said.

However, UNO's defense bent a little more, giving up ten points in the final quarter. The Mavs offense was held scoreless in the final period.

Buda said injuries were a major reason the defense had its second-straight poor performance.

"There's not a lot of changes we can make," Buda said. "We're down to three inside and three outside linebackers and in the secondary we're kind of stuck with Andy Bruckner out."

Bruckner, a first-team cornerback, is out with an ankle injury.

The Mav defense will be tested again this Saturday facing Mankato State.

"As far as defensive preparation, they're a wishbone team which means big adjustments for us," Buda said.

The loss was UNO's second straight and dropped them into a three-way tie for third place in the NCC with four games remaining.

"We just have to focus on one game, Mankato State," Buda said. "We have to be consistent and whatever happens after that happens."

Maverick SID gets stuck fishing

UNO sports information director Gary Anderson must be heartbroken.

Anderson is stranded at his cabin in Minnesota, waiting for his van's radiator to be repaired.

The mental anguish of missing up to three days of work must be unbearable, Anderson's wife, Wendy, said Sunday in Elkhorn.

"Golly, now he'll have to fish," Mrs. Anderson joked. "He has all of his fishing gear."

Anderson was on his way to UNO's football game in Grand Forks, N.D. Saturday when his van hit a deer 25 miles outside Grand Rapids, Minn.

Anderson and his two sons were not injured, but the deer was killed and the

van's radiator was demolished, Mrs. Anderson said.

The van was towed to Grand Rapids, about 125 miles away from Grand Forks, causing Anderson to miss the game.

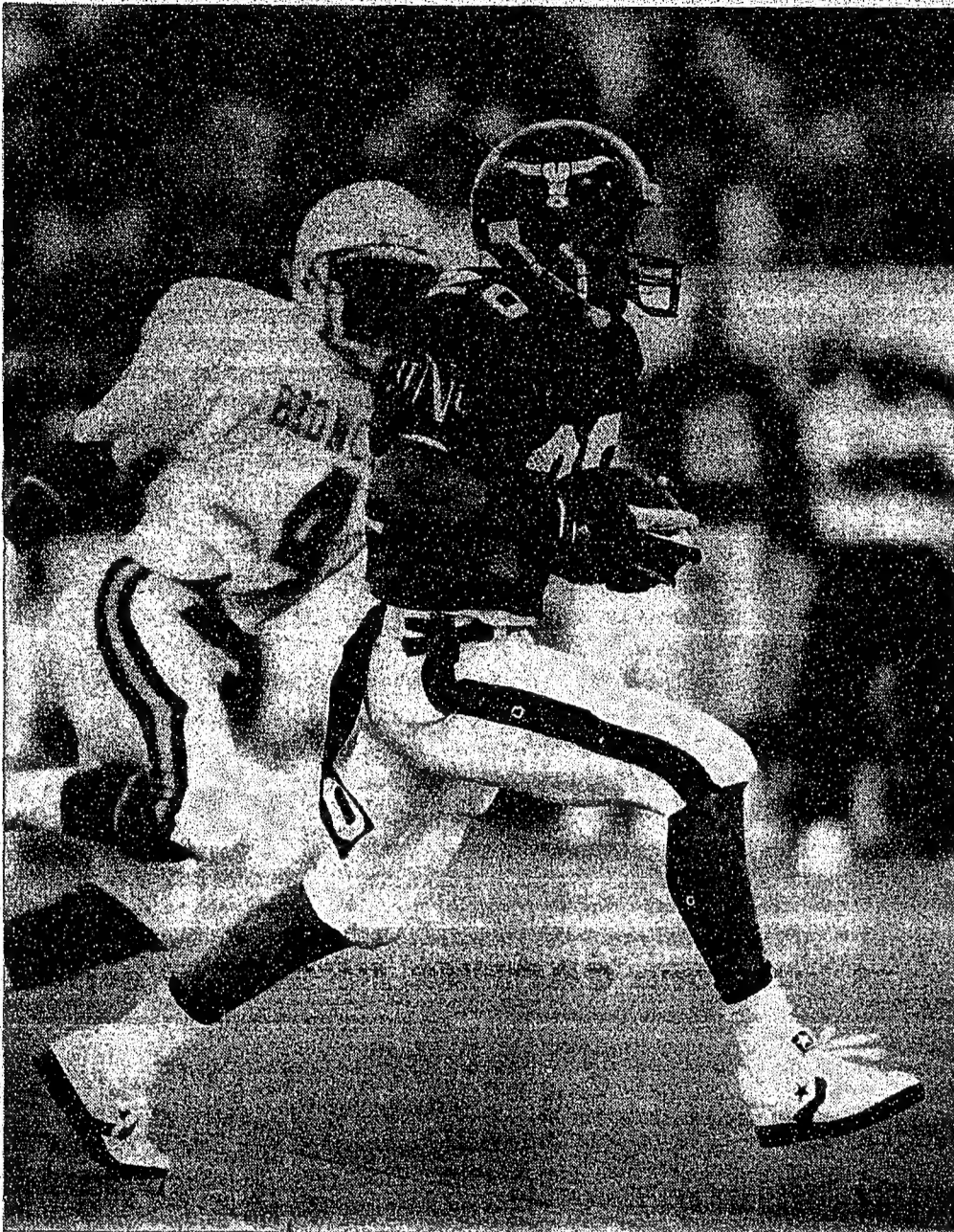
Anderson and Leo Morris broadcast UNO football on KVNO radio. Morris did Saturday's play-by-play himself.

Anderson rented a car and drove back to his cabin, 20 miles outside Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Anderson said her husband might not return to Omaha until as late as Wednesday.

"The parts won't be ordered until Monday," Mrs. Anderson said.

"But he's having a nice time, I think."



—Dave Weaver

UNO flanker Bob Gordon (No. 20) sprints down field after a reception. Gordon caught eight passes for 125 yards in the Mavericks' 33-23 loss to North Dakota.

Adult plunges into swim lessons

By PAUL WILSON

Automobile industrialist Henry Ford may have said it best: "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young."

Nina Wasinger, 66, agrees with Ford's assessment.

Wasinger is one of four adults currently taking private swim lessons at UNO.

"I was always a little uneasy around water," she said. "I finally decided it was time I learned how to swim."

Although some adults feel self-conscious participating in an activity usually reserved for younger people, Wasinger does not regret her decision.

"I'm very proud of myself," she said. "Age should never be a factor when you want to learn something new. I've told my relatives and friends about my swim lessons. Everyone has been so encouraging."

Wasinger said it was easy to delay learning to swim.

"There weren't many pools in Omaha when I was growing up," she said. "I never thought too much about swimming. Family priorities were my main concern after I was married and I truly doubted I would ever learn to swim."

Wasinger said she now has time to pursue other interests.

"I recently retired and have extra time on my hands," she said. "I've run out of excuses for not learning to swim."

Wasinger became interested in swimming while participating in the UNO Water Exercise Program.

"I overcame my lack of confidence in the water by exercising in the shallow end of the pool," she said. "I suddenly realized how much fun the water was and how much I had been missing. Swim instruction seemed the next logical step."

She said family members were instrumental in her decision to take up swimming.

"I always insisted that my children and grandchildren learned to swim. They finally decided that it was time that I practiced what I preached all those years," she said.

One of her grandchildren, Coley Suckles, recently set a national record 50-meter freestyle time for 10-year-olds at the Millard Invitational Swim Meet.

"Coley is an inspiration to me," Wasinger said. "I can't wait for the day when I'll be able to swim with him."

Wasinger has taken lessons for the past five months. She said she started slow, but has gradually improved.

"It took me awhile to adjust to both the water and the feel of getting my head wet. I began by simply bobbing around in the water and finally have reached the point where I can swim the width of the pool. It's really getting to be fun."

Natalie Dowty, a graduate student who has taught swimming at UNO for seven years, said her initial approach to swim instruction is to teach confidence in the water and develop a rapport with the student.

"Learning to swim should be done slowly," Dowty said. "It takes time to develop a positive feel for the water and a trust in your instructor. It's best to build confidence first and work on swim mechanics later."

Dowty believes adults gain an additional benefit in learning to swim.

"I encourage all adults to learn to swim," she said. "Not only is swimming good for the obvious safety concerns, but a psychological benefit is gained anytime you learn something new."

Lamdas and Zetas pair up and bounce for good cause

Lamda Chi Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha will hold a "Bounce-A-Thon" Friday to raise money for the Easter Seals.

About 40 Zeta and 30 Lamdas will bounce on trampolines in the Pep Bowl. The event begins at 7 a.m. and will continue until Saturday morning.

Members of Lamda, a fraternity, and Zeta, a sorority, will bounce in pairs. Alternates will replace the bouncers who get tired.

Zeta service director Becky Manderchio said she hopes the bounce-a-thon is a success.

"This is the first year it is being held on campus," Manderchio said. "Last year it was held at the Lamda house."

The bounce-a-thon, in its second year, raises money from individual pledges. The amount of the pledge money depends on how long each individual bounces, Manderchio said.

"Last year we had a total of 36 hours bouncing," she said. Zeta also received pledges from several local businesses, Manderchio said.

Although she is unsure how much money the event will raise, Manderchio said the bouncers are glad to benefit the Easter Seals, which raises money for the American Heart Association.

"It gives us good publicity, and it's for a good cause," Manderchio said.

EN GARDE

Maverick fencers refuse to let fighting foil the fun

By PAUL WILSON

The sound of clashing sabers is returning to UNO.

After an eight-year absence, the UNO Fencing Club has been reorganized due to the efforts of senior Rich Watson.

Watson, a 25-year-old volunteer instructor for the club, is no stranger to fencing.

"I've been involved in the sport for nine years," he said. "I first became interested from studying medieval history and weaponry."

Watson said fencing has a certain mystique.

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"New members enjoy learning that the sport evolved from dueling," he said. "There was a time in German history when fencing schools allowed blows to be aimed at the face. The dueling scar became a symbol of honor."

Watson, a Staff Sgt. at Offutt Air Force Base, said he developed an interest in fencing while stationed overseas.

"I spent three years in West Germany with the military," he said. "I was able to train at some excellent fencing schools."

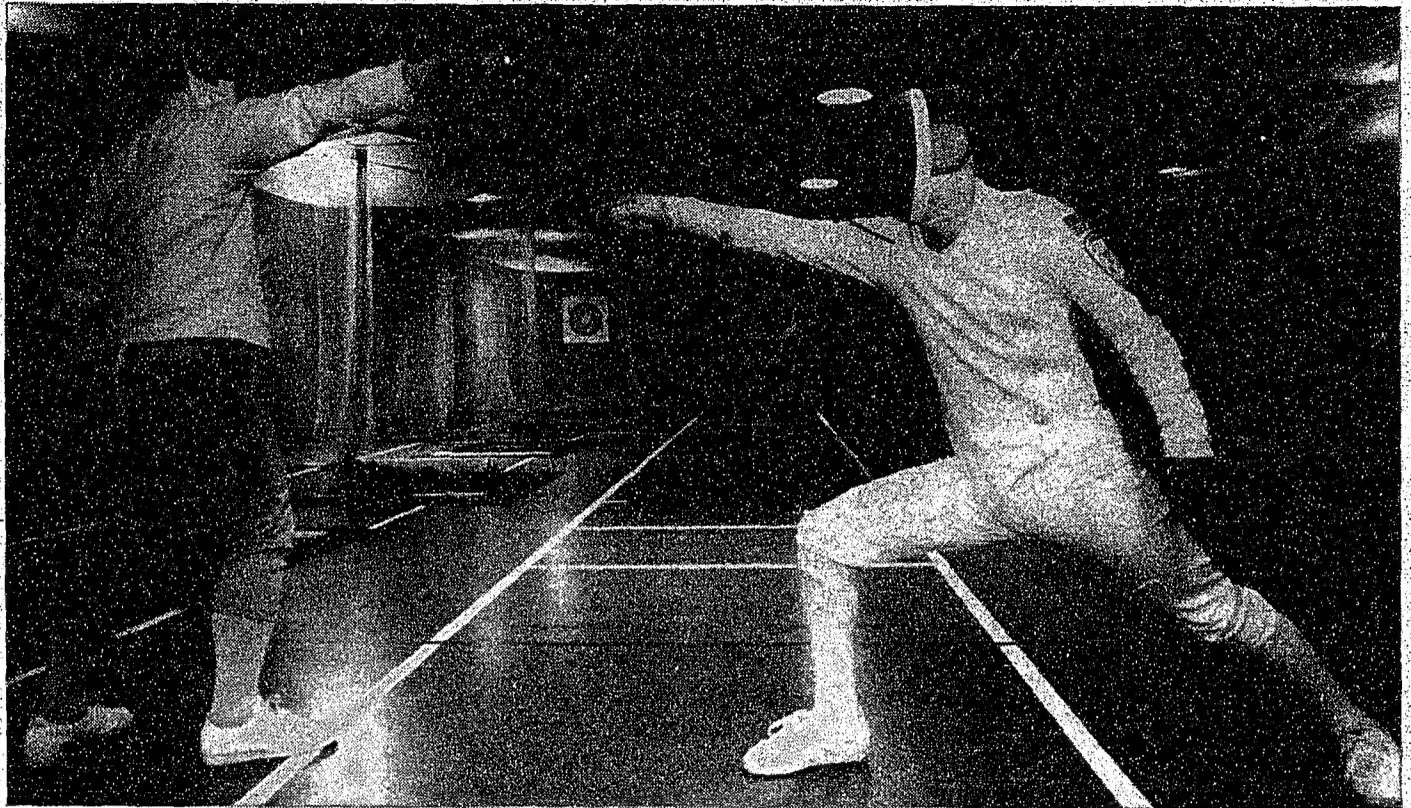
Although the Cornhusker state isn't considered a setting for medieval duels, Watson said Nebraska has an extensive fencing tradition.

"Nebraska was the second state in the union to organize a fencing club in 1890. There'll be a tournament next year to celebrate the centennial anniversary of that club."

The sport has also increased the number of women participants, Watson said.

"Women especially enjoy the sport," Watson said. "They adapt quickly to the agility that fencing demands. Men and women often compete against each other as there is no size advantage in the sport."

Freshman April Kimmel said she became interested in the club after watching a fencing



Stick it to him. Two fencers jab their weapons during a demonstration in the HPER Building.

—Eric Frances

demonstration.

"I enjoy how graceful the sport is," she said. "It's my chance to learn something new."

Sophomore Charleen Willoughby said she joined the club to experience the sport's excitement.

"Fencing is so fast and thrilling," she said. "This is something I've always wanted to try."

Club instruction will include lessons in handling three fencing weapons: the foil, epee and saber.

"Each of the fencing weapons have slight differences," Watson said. "I'll begin teaching the lightweight foil. The basic techniques can be learned in six months."

Fencing bouts involve two opponents engaging in attack and defense with one of the three weapons. The object is to score five hits against a portion of the opponent's body within a five-minute time period.

In tournaments, participants usually wear an electronic vest which automatically registers a hit.

"Members wear a mask, protective clothing and use a blunted weapon," Watson said. "I've never seen an injury more serious than an occasional sprained ankle."

The club competes against local fencing clubs and participates in national tournaments.

"We'll be competing with clubs from UNL and Creighton," Watson said. "But there is no real need to compete if you don't want to. Fencing can be learned for the fun and physical benefits alone."

Jeff Renna, a junior, said he joined the club for physical conditioning.

"I've taken fencing lessons before," he said. "The sport is deceptive. You don't realize what a great workout it is until you try it."

Although still a club sport at UNO, Watson

hopes fencing advances to the varsity level.

"I'd like to see NCAA varsity fencing at UNO. I know that UNL has been considering this for quite awhile and it may come true."

The club is open to students, faculty, staff and alumni.

"We're looking for 25 active members," Watson said. "We'll take more if the interest is there."

The club provides all equipment and allows a two-month trial membership.

"The first two months are free," he said. "We want to make sure new members enjoy the sport."

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Lady Mavs roar past foes

By GREG KOZOL

After watching the UNO volleyball team cruise to wins over Morningside and South Dakota this weekend, UNO Coach Karen Uhler said it's time to shift into high gear.

"We need a real mental and physical surge the next two weeks," Uhler said.

UNO defeated Morningside 15-11, 15-8, 15-10 Friday in Sioux City, Iowa. Saturday, the Lady Mavs travelled to Vermillion, S.D. and left South Dakota in the dust, 15-8, 15-2, 15-3.

"Basically, these were two of the weaker teams in the conference," Uhler said. "We figured they would not be as tough."

A break from playing top teams in the nation allowed the Lady Mavs a much needed rest, Uhler said.

The small break paid off, Uhler said.

"It's like a second wind," she said. "It's tough to be up week in and week out."

The Lady Mavs revved their engines early in the Morningside match, jumping to a 13-1 lead in the first game.

"We controlled every factor of the game," Uhler said of the UNO's quick start.

Junior outside-hitter Amy Gradoville paced the Lady Mavs with 13 kill-spikes and 10 digs.

Gradoville said her dominance was based more on fate than design.

"It wasn't a plan to make the plays come to me," Gradoville said. "I just happened to be in the front row when we were in a position to score points."

Despite leading UNO in the front court, Gradoville was just as pleased with her 10 digs in the back court.

"It's a defensive play," she said. "If you can block that spike, it takes the wind out of their sails. I love to take away that glory."

UNO's quick lead allowed Uhler to empty her bench and play seldom-used freshmen

Amy Johnson and Kim Ostronic.

"Having the opportunity to play all my players is a real delight," Uhler said.

Uhler said the younger players did what they needed to do — keep up the Lady Mavs' intensity.

"With a 13-0 lead, it's very easy for the seasoned players to let up," she said. "But with the younger players the level of concentration stays up."

Errors let the Chiefs back into the game, Uhler said. After the big lead slipped, UNO held on to win the first game 15-11.

Uhler said the Lady Mavs have been prone to short pit stops after an early lead, letting the opponents into the game.

"We have to quit playing down to the level of competition," she said.

UNO sped away from the Chiefs 15-8 and 15-10 to win the match.

Sophomore setter Jennifer Dickey, last week's NCC player-of-the-week, fueled the Lady Mavs offense with 35 set assists.

After racing past the Chiefs, the Lady Mavs went to South Dakota and ran over the Coyotes.

"We had two objectives going into the South Dakota game," Uhler said. "Win and win fast."

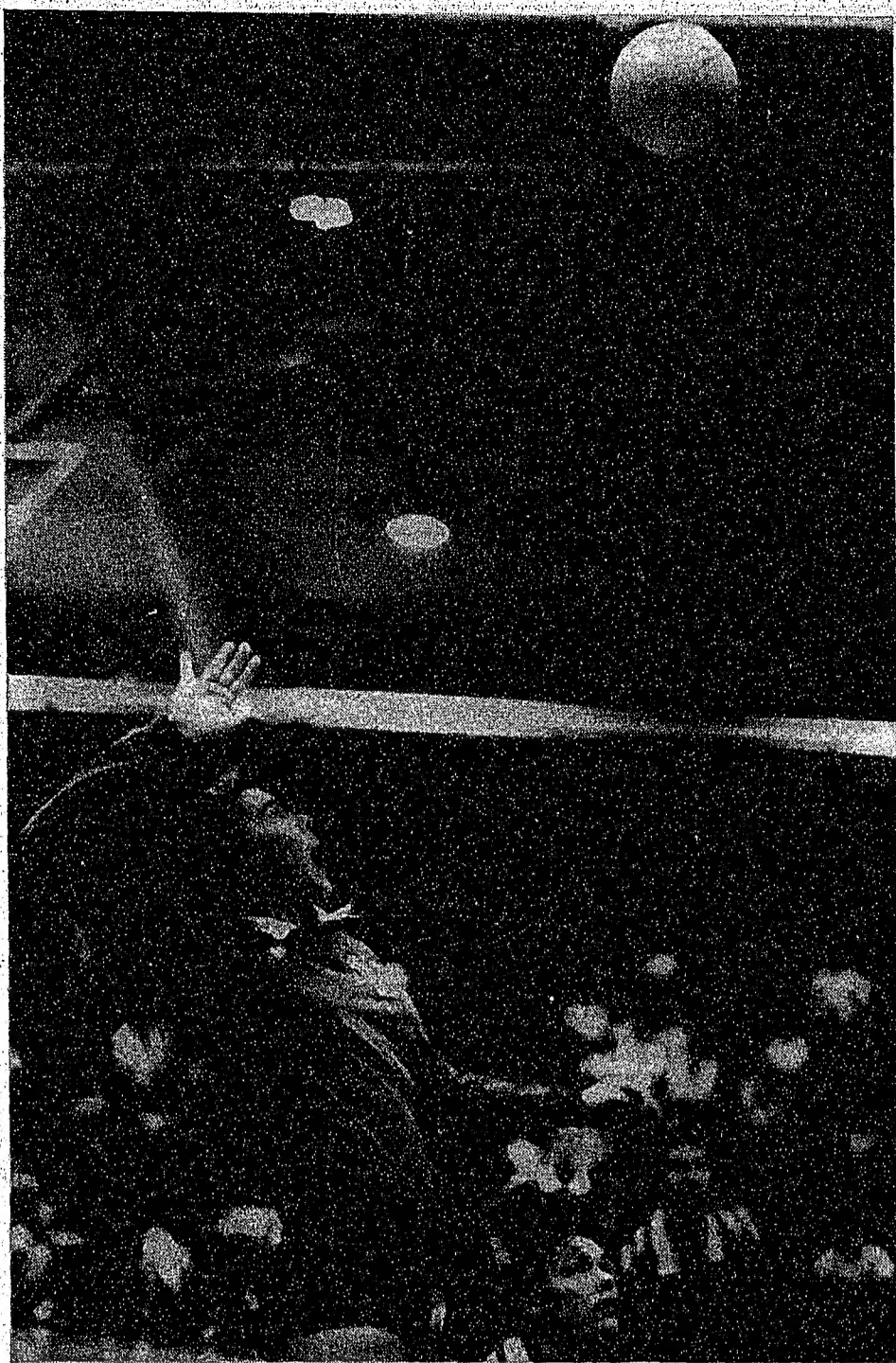
The Lady Mavs accomplished just that, allowing South Dakota only 13 points in three games.

UNO will need to hit all cylinders this weekend, Uhler said.

Two of the top teams in the NCC visit the UNO fieldhouse. The Lady Mavs plays North Dakota on Friday and North Dakota State Saturday.

Uhler said her team will be ready.

"The competition will enhance our performance."



Sophomore outside-hitter Pam Lergen

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UMS to present 'Blacks in White America'

By REGINALD CHAPMAN

The United Minority Students (UMS) agency and the Educational and Student Services office will present a panel discussion on multi-cultural awareness.

The discussion will focus on the recent ABC television special "Blacks in White America." A follow up discussion will focus on the ABC news program "Nightline" which featured discussion about the program.

"The program is set up to cultivate a multi-cultural awareness among students on campus," said Virgil Armendariz, director of UMS.

"Hopefully this (discussion) will allow those students who are not of a minority group to understand what the program was trying to say, as well as relay their confusions," Armendariz said.

The first phase of the presentation will be the showing of "Blacks in White America" in the Student Center. The program will be shown Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and again Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A panel of faculty, staff and students from UNO, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Omaha Public Schools will discuss the "Nightline" videotape Oct. 23 and 24 at 1 p.m. in the Eppley Auditorium.

"We plan to relate the film's message to society to students on campus," Armendariz said. "This should expand the awareness of concerns of various ethnic groups."



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